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“There can be no compromise on the part of the Church with error. To the repentant sinner the Church, and we as individuals, have all forgiveness; to the repentant sinner, we open our arms in welcome. But against the sin which he commits the Church must always war.”—J. REUBEN CLARK.

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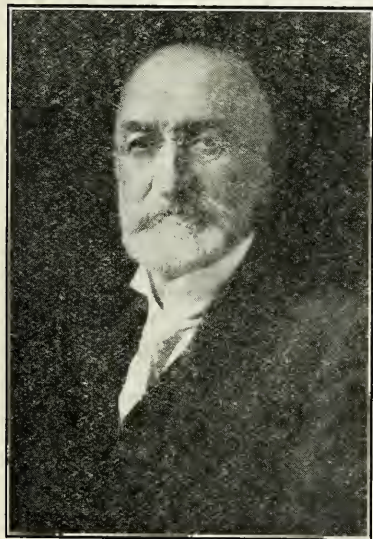
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“GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD”

A FULFILLMENT OF COMMAND AND PROPHECY

“**G**O YE into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” This admonition, given to the disciples of old by the risen Lord, has been accepted in its fulness by the modern prophet who now stands at the head of the true Church of Christ.



PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

Today is the 78th anniversary of the birth of Heber J. Grant, the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Tomorrow, November 23rd, will mark the beginning of his seventeenth year as the leader of the Church.

From his early manhood, Heber J. Grant has been devoted ceaselessly and selflessly to the welfare and service of his Church and people. His life has been consecrated to the acceptance of and obedience to the commandments of the Living God. His time and talents have been the Lord's, and distance and national boundaries have been no barrier to him in proclaiming far and wide his testimony of the divinity of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In five years and five months, from July 24th, 1901, to December 25th, 1906, President Grant

“lifted up his voice” bearing witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in seventeen nations. From England, eastward throughout Europe and Asia to far-off Japan, and in the Hawaiian Islands he has proclaimed the message of the Restoration. Since that time he has testified of the truth of the Gospel to the people of Canada on the north of the United States, and to the people of Mexico on the south, and in the United States he has borne his testimony, as he characteristically puts it, “from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon.”

Remarkable as his extensive ministry may seem, it becomes still more remarkable in light of the fact that it has been the fulfillment of a prophecy made when President Grant, then a member of the Council of Twelve, lay dangerously ill in a Salt Lake City hospital. Regarding this prophecy, President Grant has said:

“I have a wife whose body lies in the grave. The night before I went to the hospital to be operated upon, she visited my wife who is alive, and told her that no matter how near I came to death’s door, she need not worry, because my mission on this earth was not yet finished.

“Before my wife died, she had made me a promise, by the gift of tongues, that I should yet lift up my voice in many lands and many climes, proclaiming the restoration to the earth of the plan of life and salvation.

“I had not up to the time of my sickness done so. But that message that came to her has been fulfilled, as since then—that was in 1897—I have lifted up my voice in the Hawaiian Islands, in far-off Japan, in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Canada, Mexico, and from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon, from the Canada line clear down to Florida, proclaiming that I know that God lives, that I know that Jesus is the Christ, and that I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the true and the living God.”

PRESIDENT GRANT’S first opportunity to begin the fulfillment of this prophecy came when, in 1901, he was called to go to Japan and there open up a mission for the Church. He left Salt Lake City with a group of companions on July 24th.

Many and varied were the experiences of President Grant and his companions in Japan. A new language to learn, new customs to adopt, and a new type of religion to introduce did not make the task easier for them. President Grant recalls many interesting incidents that happened in Japan, relative to their missionary work. Being refused lodging because they were Mormons was one. The owner of the boarding house was so proud of his bigotry that he went immediately to the editor of an English language newspaper and “patted himself on the back.” The next day the editor “dished the proprietor up in fine style for his bigotry.”

When President Grant thanked the editor for his apparent kindness, he was told that the Mormons were going to be “dished up” the following day themselves. But that did not dismay him, he said, as long as he had a chance to answer the editor’s accusations. The article appeared, and the President prepared an answer, which the editor, impressed, printed in full,

although it took one column more than a full page of his paper to do so.

Further opportunity to continue the fulfillment of Sister Grant's prophecy came to President Grant shortly after his return from Japan in 1904. He was in Salt Lake City but six weeks when he was called to preside over the European Mission of the Church. In this capacity, he visited the various countries in Europe, attending meetings, preaching and bearing his testimony as he had done previously in Japan.

ONE of his most interesting experiences in Europe was his visit to King Oscar II, of Sweden. He tells the story in his own words:

"It fell to my lot, with Brother Alex Nibley, my wife, and some of my friends, to have the privilege of calling on King Oscar on the 4th day of July (1905) many years ago. With characteristic American assurance, I presented myself at the king's palace and requested an interview. The man who came to the door looked at me as if he thought I was crazy, not to be properly presented through the minister plenipotentiary.

"I wrote a note of introduction to His Majesty, and enclosed a letter from Governor Heber M. Wells, of the State of Utah, told him that we Americans celebrate the 4th of July, and asked for an audience; and added that I knew that I ought to be presented in proper order, that I had letters from the Utah senators to our minister; but, that the day being July 4th, we hoped that he would waive all the customary formalities necessary to see a king. And he very kindly consented, stepped out of the palace, and greeted us; and after learning that only two or three in our party understood the Swedish language, he immediately changed to faultless English. He made these remarks to me:

"Mr. Grant, I have sent my personal representatives, unknown to the people, to nearly every state in the United States, to find out how my former subjects are getting along, how they are prospering; and in no other state in the Union are the former subjects of Sweden and Norway more contented, more prosperous, and happier than in Utah; and, as long as I am King of Norway and Sweden, your people shall have religious liberty, notwithstanding that all the priests and religious denominations are against you."

Although, with advancing years, President Grant has confined his missionary and proselyting travels to the United States, he is nonetheless active in his efforts to promulgate the Gospel among those who have not yet heard its message. Last year he travelled to Washington, D. C., to dedicate the beautiful Washington Chapel. Only recently, accompanying the Tabernacle Choir on its journey to and from the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago, he spoke in many of the cities in which the Choir gave special concerts. And among the General Authorities of the Church, there are a few more active in addressing the conferences of the outlying stakes of Zion than is President Grant.

Valiant in his testimony, no one who listens to President Heber J. Grant ever questions his sincerity. He is always aggressive for truth, always militant for righteousness. In his inspired moods he has a thrilling earnestness in his preaching that springs from the deepest convictions. His testimony re-

veals the deep spiritual understanding, and the serene certainty of conviction of this man among men whose privilege it has been to bear the glad tidings of the Restoration "to all the world," and whose exalted calling it now is to stand as the earthly head of the True Church of Christ:

"I realize the beauties of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I rejoice exceedingly in a knowledge of the divinity of the work in which we are engaged. I rejoice in knowing that all the gifts, graces, powers, privileges and blessings which have ever been enjoyed by the saints of God in any dispensation of the Gospel upon the earth are enjoyed today by the Latter-day Saints. I rejoice in knowing that the things which should be enjoyed, the blessings, the healing power of Almighty God, the inspiration of His Spirit whereby men and women have manifestations from Him, the inspiration of the Spirit of God, whereby people speak with new tongues, and have the interpretation thereof, and each and every grace and gift are enjoyed today by the Latter-day Saints.

"I know that God lives, I know that Jesus is the Christ, I know that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, I know that the Gospel tree is alive, that it is growing, that the fruits of the Gospel growing upon that tree are good. I have reached out my hand, I have plucked the fruits of the Gospel, I have eaten of them, and they are sweet, yea, above all that is sweet. That is the inspiration that comes to every Latter-day Saint who realizes the force of this Gospel that we have espoused. It is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the plan of life and salvation. God lives; Jesus is the Christ, and He is the chief cornerstone of the great work—He is directing it, and He will continue to direct it. . . .

"I want to bear witness that no man or woman ever lived who kept the commandments of God and lived according to the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, whose example was not worthy of the imitation of all men and all women, in any land, in any clime. This Gospel of Jesus Christ, which I have embraced is in very deed the Gospel revealed again to the earth. It is the same Gospel that was proclaimed by our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, and He gave His life in testimony of the same. And the lives of our Prophet and Patriarch were given as a witness to the divinity of the work in which we are engaged. For a hundred years this Gospel has been proclaimed to the world without money, and without price. Freely we have received, and freely we have given to the world."—(Adapted from an article in the *Deseret News*, April 7, 1934.)

AUXILIARY GUIDE FOR DECEMBER

PRIESTHOOD

NOTES TO BRANCH PRESIDENTS

This guide is published for your benefit, to help you to hold effective weekly Priesthood meetings. Such meetings should bring forth permanent fruits in every phase of branch activity. Not the least of these

fruits should be the development of a body of trained Latter-day Saint leaders with high ideals, willing to conform to Church standards. Let us endeavour to improve in the following two points during December: (1) The opening exercises and general atmosphere of Priesthood meeting; (2) The twelve-minute talks that are frequently outlined. Let us make a worthy example to all other branch organizations. With *Studies in Priesthood* and *Branch Supervision*, presidencies have a great laboratory for their use in developing "Zion"—"the pure in heart."

First Night. Branch teaching reports for November. Open lesson-discussion with the twelve-minute talk: "The Powers of Priesthood and the Powers of Heaven." (Doctrine and Covenants 121: 34-36.) Follow with Chapter three of the text, entitled, "The Melchizedek Priesthood."

Second Night. Local Priesthood activity report. Lesson-discussion: Chapter two of the text, "Branch Administration," down to paragraph, "Division of Work," on page 14. (Note: Changes in the various auxiliary programmes not noted in these chapters should be observed and corrections made accordingly.)

Third Night. Twelve-minute talk by the branch president: "The Five 'Aids' to the Priesthood, and How Our Powers May Be Exercised through Each" (viz., genealogy; religious education through Sunday School; *re-creation* and building of character through Y. M. M. I. A., Y. W. M. I. A., and Primary; loving service through the Relief Society). Lesson-discussion, text: Chapter four, "The Power of the Priesthood."

Fourth Night. There will be no Priesthood meeting outlined for this week due to the holiday season. However, in the true spirit of "Studies in Priesthood" and "Branch Supervision" let every holder of the Priesthood endeavour to make this Christmas just a bit merrier, that the New Year may be a most happy one, with good wishes for everyone.—G. HOMER DURHAM.

RELIEF SOCIETY

First Week. Opening Exercises. Preliminary programme. A talk: "Can Prayer Be Answered?" *Theology and Testimony Night*, "The Power of Prayer." Objective: To teach that prayer is an accepted and natural principle of the heavens.

Second Week. Opening Exercises. Preliminary programme. A duet or group number which has been previously practised. Lesson: *Teacher's Topics*, "Robert Owen and Factory Reforms." Objective: To show that a life of service in ordinary business may be both profitable to the person and beneficial to the community.

Third Week. Opening Exercises. Preliminary programme. A ten minute reading from either *The Flowering Wilderness*, Galsworthy, or *The Deepening Stream*, Fisher. These books may be obtained from any public library. Lesson: *Life and Literature*, "The Novel a Social Record." Objective: To present the contemporary novel as a social record. Teachers please study the Suggestions for Study, page 63 in the Manual.

Fourth Week. No meeting. The lesson scheduled in the Manual for this night should be taken at some time when the Relief Society meeting falls in the fifth week of the month. It is very essential that it be studied later and not just omitted.

Let each Branch Relief Society undertake some special project to care for those less fortunate than its members during the Christmas Season.

RINTHA PRATT DOUGLAS, President
INEZ CAMERON RUSSELL, 1st Counsellor
MARY E. M. POOLE, 2nd Counsellor
CATHERINE L. M. HORNER, Secretary
British Mission Relief Society Board.

GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT

NUMBERS of Pedigree Charts and One Family Group Sheets have come to the Genealogical Department for the Archive and Index, but in several districts there are no signs of activity. This is an opportunity for everyone to secure assistance in understanding and performing Genealogical work. The mission department, district and branch genealogical officers stand ready to demonstrate how the Pedigree Charts and One Family Group Records may be filled in. And once they are filled in, it becomes very easy to proceed with Genealogical work.

Making copies of these sheets and sending them to the Archive, besides demonstrating how Genealogical work is done, also places one in a position where he can secure the cooperation of other members of the Church and of the mission department.

Branch and district presidents should see that members of their branches take advantage of this service. They possess records of every family, from which Pedigree Charts and One Family Group Records may be started.

GENEALOGICAL CLASSES

Second Week. Lesson: "Marriage For Eternity," from the lesson manual. *Laboratory Period:* Record in your Book of Remembrance the number of couples who have been sealed together for all eternity, of your living friends or relatives. Of your progenitors.

Fourth Week. Lesson: "Lives Enriched by a Labour of Love." *Laboratory Period:* 12th assignment in the Book of Remembrance, which is to teach another to compile a Pedigree Chart and a One Family Group Record.—CONWAY A. ASHTON.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SACRAMENT GEM FOR DECEMBER

(The Sacrament Gem must be prepared in advance of the meetings in which it is to be given, and should be practised by the students in their classes November 25th.)

Luke, Chapter 2, Verses 8 to 14. (Leader should read verses 8 and 9 from the Bible, the school responding with verses 10 and 11 as follows): "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Leader should then recite verses 12 and 13, the school, in concert, responding with): "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

GOSPEL DOCTRINE DEPARTMENT

Concert Recitation: Doctrine and Covenants, Section 107, verse 99: "Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence."

December 2nd. Lesson 41, "Salvation for the Dead." Objective: To show that the Lord has revealed that all men who are accountable before God, whether living or dead, must accept and receive the saving principles and ordinances of the Gospel; and that, in the case of the dead, these ordinances are given vicariously in the Temples of the Lord. Suggested questions:

1. Why are the saints commanded to keep records, and to have them properly witnessed in all temple ordinances?
2. Why has the Lord kept hidden from the world many things pertaining to salvation and exaltation?

3. What did the Lord reveal to Joseph Smith in relation to the salvation of the dead, January 21, 1836?

4. Give a reason why the dead, who are worthy and have died without a knowledge of the Gospel, have to receive the ordinances vicariously, and cannot receive them in person even after the resurrection.

December 9th. Lesson 42, "The New and Everlasting Covenant—The Power and Nature of Exaltation." Objective: To show that all covenants of the Gospel are parts of the new and everlasting covenant, which is the fulness of the Gospel. Suggested questions:

1. What is the difference between a new and everlasting covenant, and the new and everlasting covenant?

2. Discuss: "Except ye abide my law, Ye cannot attain to this glory."

3. What is meant by "Strait is the gate that leadeth to the *lives*"? What is meant by "Broad is the gate that leadeth to the *deaths*"?

December 16th. Lesson 43, "The Appendix: The Second Coming of the Lord." Objective: To show what the Lord has revealed in relation to the preaching of the Gospel, the gathering of Israel, and the restoration of the earth preparatory to His second coming. Suggested questions:

1. Why should the Gospel be declared to all nations before the end of wickedness shall come?

2. Where were the scattered Israelites commanded to gather who are not of Judah? How has this been fulfilled?

3. Where were the Jews commanded to gather before the coming of the Lord? Is this being fulfilled now?

4. Why are those of the tribe of Ephraim to bestow greater blessings upon their fellows of other tribes? When is this to be?

December 23rd. Christmas Programme.

December 30th. Lesson 44, "Instruction to the Camp of Israel." Objective: To show that the Lord continued to guide the saints by revelation and in power after the death of Joseph and Hyrum Smith. Suggested questions:

1. Under what circumstances were the saints driven from their homes in Nauvoo?

2. How were the companies organized for the journey across the plains? Compare this organization with the organization of Zion's Camp.

3. Give reasons why the martyrdom brought a critical period to the Church.

CHURCH HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Concert Recitation: John, Chapter 15, Verse 13: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Note: Teachers please substitute the following lesson outline for the one published in the Auxiliary Guide for November 25th.

November 25th. Lesson 42, "The Saints to be Driven to the Rocky Mountains." See *Essentials in Church History*, Smith, pp. 302-342. Objective: To teach that God established His earthly kingdom through revelation.

December 2nd. Lesson 53, "The Last Two Years of the Prophet's Life." See *Essentials in Church History*, Smith, pp. 343-352. Objective: To teach that even under bitter persecution, the Prophet Joseph enjoyed the choice blessings of the Lord.

December 9th. Lesson 44, "Events Leading to the Prophet's Death." See *Essentials in Church History*, Smith, pp. 358-375. Objective: To show that the Prophet was secure from all his bitter enemies as long as traitors did not arise in his own councils.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1934

EDITORIAL

A HARVEST FESTIVAL

SOME little time ago we attended a religious service in which the space immediately in front of the pulpit was packed with grains, fruits, vegetables, flowers and foods of various kinds.

This display was made in connection with a harvest festival, and was to be regarded as expressive of feelings of thankfulness to the Giver of all good for His tender care in providing for the needs of His children. The scene was pleasing to the eye and no doubt was pleasing to our Father. The design and making of the display was certainly beneficial to all who participated in it. Every one of them would feel better and be better by reason of the part he took in it.

Likewise a person always feels better and is made better by every act of thankfulness, of sympathy, of love and of helpfulness. And because this is true herein lies an evidence of the existence of a beneficent Being who is continually exerting an uplifting force among men, rewarding them for every good deed. He is the best paymaster in the world, for He pays on the spot—does not keep the beneficiary waiting—and pays abundantly in values that money cannot buy. How sweet are the joys of unselfish service! These joys may come to the bosoms of the lowliest as well as the highest born of people, but will come to none except the service is characterized by unselfishness. Love, pure and undefiled, is the key to God's favour. Pride and selfishness may mask in make-believe garments of humility and devoutness, but God cannot be deceived even though some of His children may be. The experiences of God-given joy may be presumed by fakers, but never really felt.

There is certainly much selfishness, hard-hearted cruelty and sin abroad among men, but is not the spirit of brotherhood also discernible in increasing amounts? Is God not working among men? Are not the forces of good and evil becoming more definitely marshalled in opposing ranks with the passing of the years and with a gradual gaining of the good? Let us believe so. As yet, however, there is a great deal of blind reaching-out from vast numbers among the multitudes who are not certain of their bearings. They are dissatisfied and restless, but without definite opinions as to the right and wrong of a solution of their problems. In fact, most of them seem to be more concerned with finding a solution than with its equity. And as long as this con-

dition exists, unrighteousness will abound and human misery and wretchedness will be extant.

Now, however much we may lament the whole situation, there appears to be little that we can do individually to rectify it, except to be sure that we ourselves are actuated by pure and unselfish motives in all our dealings with fellow men, that we are ever striving to live the Golden Rule, to keep ourselves unspotted from the sins of the world, and to serve God devotedly and continually. If we will do these things the Lord will be our support and comforter, and we shall enjoy the rich companionship of His Spirit.

But referring again to harvest festivals, it is well to remember that a feeling of gratitude and thanksgiving for divine blessings is saint-like, and we should be glad to exhibit this feeling on proper occasions and in proper ways. Hence, harvest festivals or similar affairs are certainly productive of much good. "Thou shalt thank the Lord thy God in all things." (Doctrine and Covenants 59:7.) We heartily commend these affairs to every congregation.—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

"MY PERSONAL PLAN . . ."

A SELECTION FROM THE SLOGAN CONTEST CONTRIBUTIONS

By WALTER SHORTLE, PLYMOUTH BRANCH

THE SIMPLE, mundane things of life, in work and play, determine our characters and creeds. How true is the phrase: Great rivers flow from small, simple sources. And how sad to recall that mankind so easily forgets.

The morning had been a busy one in the library. There were books to classify, catalogue slips to be written, statistics to be compiled, and still they remained untouched, owing to the constant stream of enquiries that came to me. The questions asked were, as usual, simple and rather annoying. I wasted—or so it seemed to me—many valuable hours in answering such queries as addresses of societies, the bank-rate from 1927 to 1934, the members of the existing parliamentary cabinets, the name and address of some titled gentleman or well-known scholar contained in the directory known as *Who's Who*, the name of a flower—not to mention the time it took to satisfy requests for dictionaries and the "hundred and one" directories.

So the morning passed away. My work lay untouched upon the desk, and yet I had spent my whole time answering the above questions by merely reaching a book from its shelf, and in a rather abrupt manner handing it to the enquirer to have him search out the information for himself.

Just before lunch time I settled down to clear away the mass of work that was mine to do when another enquirer arrived. Rather out of patience at being disturbed again, I arose to hear

his question. "How did the Egyptians sow their seed on the banks of the Nile? Did it correspond to the description given in the scriptures?"

Here was a query requiring research, and with a quick glance at the clock, I made for the shelves. The first book on Egypt was a blank. The second contained no answer, either. The desire to find the information grew on me.

After about twenty minutes search, late for my lunch, I hurried away with the enquiry solved and the searcher satisfied. My work still waited. But later in the day the thought came to me, "And whosoever shall compel thee to go one mile, go with him twain."

By the small things of life, using that one phrase, I hope to prove my allegiance to the Church. Not by fine words, not by great deeds, not by outstanding self-sacrifice, but by giving to each enquirer the benefit of my time, my knowledge, my training, even as I try to give all of my knowledge and understanding of the Gospel to those who seek it.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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December 16th. Lesson 45, "The Martyrdom." See *Essentials in Church History*, Smith, pp. 375-384. Objective: To show that the Prophet without hesitation gave his life for the testimony which he bore.

December 23rd. Christmas Programme.

December 30th. Review. Teacher's Answer Key: 1. Six. 2. Oliver. 3. David. 4. Martin. 5. Two. 6. Adam. 7. Garden. 8. Old. 9. Voting. 10. Boggs. 11. Saints or Mormons. 12. Apostles. 13. Mill. 14. Blacksmith. 15. Hip. 16. Mob or Soldiers. 17. Jail or Prison. 18. State. 19. Guards. 20. River. 21. Nauvoo. 22. Sick. 23. Blessed. 24. Dead. 25. Handkerchief. 26. Apostles. 27. England. 28. Sick. 29. Purse. 30. Dollar. 31. Eighteen. 32. Thirteen. 33. Eighty-seven. 34. Relief Society. 35. Temple. 36. President. 37. Throw. 38. Officers. 39. Head. 40. Carthage. 41. Arrested. 42. Ford. 43. Four. 44. Joseph and Hyrum, John Taylor and Willard Richards.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Concert Recitation: Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 20, Verse 35: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

December 2nd. Review Sunday. Check over any lessons which may have been missed and review November lessons. Use the example of the conversion of Saul to help the children to believe in being strong enough to do God's will; and use the example of Peter's prayer to show how a dark night turned to day in the story.

December 9th. Lesson 116, "Paul Serves God as a Missionary." Objective: It is more blessed to give than to receive." Picture: Paul and the Jailer. Memory Gem: The objective.

December 16th. Lesson 117, "Paul in Chains." Objective: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Pictures: Paul at Jerusalem, Paul in the Shipwreck, Paul in Prison at Rome. Memory Gem: The objective.

December 23rd. Christmas Programme. Teachers, plan something special for the children.

December 30th. Grand Review. In January we begin stories from the

Old Testament. For over a year we have been talking of Jesus and His wonderful work on earth. Let us spend this Sunday recalling some of the beautiful things a study of His life has taught us. Songs for the month: "Give, Said the Little Stream," and "Life's Mirror," *Primary Song Book*, Numbers 95 and 104 respectively.

Singing Practice for December: We suggest the hymn, "Mortals, Awake! With Angels Join," page 304 *Latter-day Saint Hymns*. This is a most pleasing anthem when sung in all four parts. Also remember, "When Christ Was Born in Bethlehem," which was practised last month, and sing it on an appropriate occasion.

TWO AND ONE-HALF MINUTE TALKS: Topics for December talks may be taken from the lesson book, but preferably from the following suggestions: "Honesty is the Best Policy," "How I Can Love My Neighbour," and "The Value of a Healthy Body." Please assign these talks with the subjects two weeks in advance.

SUPERINTENDENTS: Plan a special programme for Christmas Sunday. Use the theme of the birth of the Saviour. Make use of the children's classes in short talks, solos, duets, etc. Call a special officers' and teachers' meeting now, formulate your programme, and make your assignments, to give plenty of time for the preparation. When the day arrives, have a programme given to each one taking part, to avoid the necessity of announcing each performer. If this is begun now, you will have a most successful Sunday School Session.

THE BRITISH MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATIONS

THE YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

November—Harvest Ball.	February—Drama: Plays.
December—Xmas Tree and Carnival.	March—Music Festival.
January—Green and Gold Balls.	April—Committee's Choice.
May—Branch and District Honour Days.	

EXECUTIVES—PROJECTS FOR DECEMBER

First: To make the weekly preliminary officers' and teachers' meetings effective.

Second: To further our programme of education and achievement in Appreciation courses and activities by studying Chapter IV of the "Supplement" as a group.

Third: To get behind the branch Community Activity committees in carrying forward the "Year-Round Programme" each month.

SUNDAY EVENING JOINT PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER

Opening Hymn: "O Say What Is Truth."

Invocation.

Hymn: "Sing the Sweet and Touching Story."—*Latter-day Saint Hymns*, 190.

Slogan Talk: "We Believe in Being Chaste." ("By My Actions I Will Prove My Allegiance to the Church.")

Special Number.

Address: "Joseph Smith as a Religious Leader."

Duet (soprano and tenor): "O Little Town of Bethlehem."—*M. I. A. Song Book*, 80.

Address: "The Mission of Jesus."

Hymn: "Joy to the World,"

Benediction.

WEEKLY PRELIMINARY PROGRAMMES (Time for entire exercise—20 minutes.)

First Night. Slogan Talk: "We Believe in Being Benevolent."

Second and Third Nights. Retold stories on both occasions. Choose from Dicken's *Christmas Carol*, *The Four Million*, by O. Henry, *The Story of the Other Wise Man*, by Van Dyke, *There Were Shepherds*, *The First Christmas on the Western Hemisphere*, or others to which you have access.

DEPARTMENTAL WORK FOR DECEMBER (See manual calendars for lessons). Due to the holiday season, there will be but three M. I. A. meetings this month. However, there is no time like Christmas for proving allegiance to the Church by one's actions.

SCOUTING. The Scout Commissioners are desirous that every Boy Scout be taught somewhat of his "duty to God. . . ." and therefore recommend the holding of a "Scout's Own," once each month. Some have suggested doing this in connection with Sunday School. As a rule, the wearing of uniforms is not advocated in Church services, but our Mission authorities have given the advice that by no means are Scouts or their leaders prohibited from attending services in uniform. The head-quarter policy of the Movement is given: "It is expected that every Scout shall belong to some religious denomination and attend its services, and that they, the Scouts, shall be encouraged to attend the services of their own denomination."

BEE-HIVES. During December we would like all girls to enter a contest which will also offer an opportunity to fill two cells with real quality "honey," ready to be sealed over for future use. All fill cell 700 in the Handbook, namely, "For four hours during the month do copywriting until your handwriting is noticeably improved." The rest lies (cell 706) in writing a business letter in your best handwriting. Send your best effort to 32 Regent Street, Sheffield, not later than January 5th, 1935. A small prize will be awarded the winning Bee-Hive girl.—ROSE B. BAILEY, MISSION BEE-KEEPER.

POINTS FOR M MEN—*Point one:* Your numbers are small, so what are you going to do about it? Try this: (a) Prepare your programme. (2) Seek out your M Men by house-to-house invitation. (3) Give them something worth coming for.

Point two: Plan your future with your new-found friends and draw up your constitution.

Point three: Read pages 190-195 of the M Men Manual, and plan an athletic activity for M Men on a non-Mutual day.

Point four: In athletics our stamina is tested in public. This stimulates care for our physical condition. Should we not show equal enthusiasm for the Cause of Life?—JOHN BLEAKLEY.

GLEANERS. The third night of the month is for "Treasures of Truth." Excellent covers are being made by covering pasteboard with linen, etc., with needle-work designs for individuality. We think this is commendable. The subject to write up and discuss this month is "Testimonies." ("My Kin" and "Gospel Messages," or "How I Joined the Gleaner Class," should have preceded this.) If these two projects have not been written and included in your books, such should be the case. The mimeographed "Gleaner Handbook," written by Sister Ileen A. Waspé, explains fully the lessons for the third night on "Treasures of Truth," and may be obtained from the Mission Bookshop for sixpence, postpaid.—CATHERINE L. M. HORNER.

THE ADULT MANUAL—Legion are the books that have been written about the Prophet Joseph Smith, but there are few that are as well arranged and as perfectly adapted for adult group study of the latter-day Prophet of God as is *The Leadership of Joseph Smith*, by John Henry

Evans, the 1934 manual for Adult classes of the M. I. A. The manual depicts Joseph Smith as a commanding personality. Primarily not biographical, it is limited to such details as serve to bring out in bold relief the sterling qualities of leadership that made Joseph Smith one of the really great men of the nineteenth century.

Sixteen vital, well-written chapters, chock-full of fresh, evidential material present Joseph Smith's statesmanship, his seership, his religious philosophy, and his concept of human relations in the light of, and in some places in comparison with current thought and social tendencies.

There is not a dull page in *The Leadership of Joseph Smith*, and not once throughout the book are we allowed to lose sight of the fact that we are dealing with his teachings and inspired social reforms as forces among and standards for men and institutions of today. The discussions provoked by the manual are not the theological discussions of a Sunday School class in doctrine, but rather the pertinent questions that face us and our communities today in our efforts to "learn to live joyously," the adult class aim, motto, and purpose.

Here is a manual that has been planned, prepared, and written primarily for Adult groups. It is incidentally as fine an addition to a home library as 1s. 6d. can buy.

SPECIAL TO COMMUNITY ACTIVITY COMMITTEES: Year-round Program event for this month is the "Christmas Tree and Carnival."

Caution—Do not let a month go by without putting over the "event-of-the-month."

Stop—Consider your community and your facilities, and then. . . .
Go—Forward! and spare no time in making the outlined event a thorough success.

This month is Christmas with its good cheer. Plan the best party your branch has ever had—and do not forget the children. The Friday or Saturday before Christmas should be a splendid day for this affair. Let the feeling of "Peace on earth, good will to men," abound.—BRITISH MISSION COMMUNITY ACTIVITY COMMITTEE—MADELINE E. R. HILL.

Dr. Ray M. Russell of the Young Men's Board is going to say "Happy New Year" with several "pounds" of Building Fund prizes if some real "pep" is shown between now and midnight, December 31st. This has been one of the year's biggest opportunities, and as such, we do not wish to see its power inactive. Heartiest season's greetings to all M. I. A. workers!—BRITISH MISSION Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. A. BOARDS—G. HOMER DURHAM.

PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

DURING December the children hear and see much that suggests the age-old legend of Santa Claus's visit. But they do not hear enough of the why of the Christmas celebration. In order that this, the most beautiful story in the world, may be better understood, and that the class members may get the greatest benefit from these lessons taught at Christmas time, each teacher must be thoroughly prepared to present them. Study the story given in the Bible (Luke 1: 26-56; 2: 1-20; Matthew 2: 1-12), then discuss it thoroughly with the children.

Have some special decoration (inexpensive) that the children help to prepare to give atmosphere to the room. Assign the children to give Christmas thoughts, preferably original ones, with the service thought predominating, as the roll is called each week. Then have all of the planning and preparation culminate in a rousing good Christmas party for the children.

Begin early to collect pictures which will help to enrich your lessons. Read several good books for atmosphere and to help you to be in harmony with the true Christmas spirit. Among the many you will find helpful are: *A Christmas Carol*, by Dickens; *The Spirit of Christmas* and

The Other Wise Man, by Henry Van Dyke. Get all the information you can find about the country, customs of the people, etc. Following are some suggestions that will be helpful:

SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS

In the land of the Bible there were a great many sheep. They were not kept in fields with fences or hedges about, but roamed over the hills and found pasture where they could. Shepherds cared for them to keep them out of the fields of grain and corn and to see that they did not wander far from home. In the mountains there were sometimes wild animals, and the shepherd had to guard his sheep from these. He also had to lead them to good pastures. He had to take them each day to a spring for water. In the countries where there were no springs he took them to a well and drew water for them.

The shepherds did not drive their flocks; they went in front and the sheep followed after. The sheep soon got to know the shepherd, and would follow wherever he went. The shepherd carried a long stick with a great hook at the end. This was called the shepherd's crook.

SOMETHING ABOUT NAZARETH

Jesus' father and mother lived in Nazareth. It was a village among the hills. All about it were green hill-sides. When Jesus looked He could see other hills in the distance. Near the village was a well where all the people drew water. The houses of Nazareth were built of stone. They were set close to narrow streets. Some of them had flat roofs, with stairs leading up to the roof. Perhaps in the hot summer Jesus slept on the roof. There were no fine yards about them.

Cultivate and keep a beautiful Christmas spirit throughout the month. "Beautiful and right it is that gifts and good wishes should fill the air like snowflakes at Christmastide. And beautiful is the year in its coming and in its going, most beautiful and blessed because it is always the Year of Our Lord."

—BRITISH MISSION PRIMARY BOARD

LEEDS DISTRICT CONFERENCE

TWO MINUTES of reverent silence in memory of those who had passed beyond, fighting for a cause they believed to be right—this opened the Leeds district conference, held in the West-gate Hall, Bradford. President James H. Douglas and his wife, Sister Rintha Pratt Douglas, were the principal speakers of the conference.

The sessions were conducted by District President Grant Kirkham. In the morning session, his favourable report of district activity was followed by the presentation of the names of the Church authorities for the sustaining vote of the conference assembled. Separate Priesthood and Relief Society meetings concluded the session.

The afternoon session was under the direction of Elder G. Homer Durham, Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent,

and was devoted to auxiliary work. Assisting Elder Durham were Sisters Madeline E. R. Hill, of the British Mission Y. W. M. I. A. board, and Rose B. Bailey, Mission Bee-Keeper. Members of the district M.I.A. and Primary organizations also assisted by portraying their respective programmes in action.

Speaking in the evening session, President Douglas told of the influence of the Gospel in his life, and cited incidents in his life that were faith-promoting to his listeners. He paid homage to the men in the Great War who gave their lives for their country, and for peace, drawing a parallel between their sacrifices and the courage and sacrifice displayed by the early Church leaders who gave their all that the Church of Christ might be established once more on earth.

Sister Douglas expressed her appreciation for all who are working in the Cause of the latter-day Church. She told of her happiness in her mission work, and bore her testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

Travelling missionaries present at the conference were President

Grant Kirkham, and Elders Eugene T. Pingree, Ralph Wheelwright, Edwin Lyman, Blaine F. Bybee, Rex Blake, Spencer J. Klomp and Richard D. Rees, of the Leeds district, and Elder John Rowell of the Liverpool District.

EUGENE T. PINGREE
Clerk of Conference.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Transfers—The following transfers were announced, effective November 13th: Elder Edwin A. Lyman, from Leeds to Hull; Elder Murrell C. Ballantyne from Newcastle to Bristol; Elder James J. Kirby from Nottingham to Hull; Elder Rex Bevan Blake from Leeds to Bristol.

Doings in the Districts: Bristol—And every other district in the British Mission is reminded that the M. I. A. Building Fund Competition will be brought to a close in five more weeks. The twelve pounds in prizes posted by Dr. Ray M. Russell of the central building fund committee, stands to be divided among the branches of the mission that have been and are now wide-awake. A strong finish may assure any branch of a good opportunity to share the awards for ideas and results.

Hallowe'en evening was observed in traditional style at the Plymouth branch on October 31st. Ghosts, owls, bob-apples, games and refreshments were the order of the evening. Branch President Walter Shortle was in charge of the evening's programme.

Feature of the Plymouth branch conference held on October 28th was the dramatization of the parable, "A sower went forth to sow." Visitors present expressed their enjoyment at the employment of this method of presenting the Gospel message. President Walter Shortle directed the conference.

Manchester—The annual autumn conference of the Hyde branch, held November 4th, attracted an unusually large crowd. Theme of the day was, "The Latter-day Pro-

gress of the Church." Principal speakers were President Elbert H. Startup, Elder John Ridge Hicks and Brother Frederick Wiles. Brother Thomas H. Boothroyd rendered a special musical number.

More than sixty saints and friends attended the annual harvest thanksgiving service in the recently remodeled Oldham branch chapel on Sunday, October 28th. On the following evening, the harvest produce, gathered for the occasion, was distributed, under the direction of the Relief Society, among the sick and needy of the branch.

Hyde branch hall, lighted only by the dull glimmer of jack-o-lanterns, was in eerie darkness for the Hallowe'en celebration on October 31st. In such a spectral atmosphere merrymakers huddled together to disturb the awesome quiet of the night with ghost stories and fantasy, in observance of the ancient festival that comes once each year. Later in the evening, the lights were turned up, and the make-believe horror was all forgotten in the gaiety of a pleasant social time together. Gleaner Girls of the branch planned the affair.

Brother Frederick Wiles, of the Manchester branch, was recently named Sunday School supervisor of the Manchester district, and Sister Sarah Allsop was appointed to supervise the district Primary work. Sister Allsop succeeds Sister Alice A. Fitton.

At a very novel "Cobweb Social," the Rochdale branch Gleaner Girls were hostesses to many Manchester district saints and friends on Saturday, November 3rd. After a short programme and the presentation of a token of remembrance to Elder

J. R. Hicks, who has been transferred to the Ulster district, each guest was given the end of a string, which was almost inextricably interwoven with other strings in a veritable "cobweb." His task was to unwind the string to find a present attached to the other end. This cleverly planned and executed idea proved a source of much joy and merriment.

London—Officers of the newly-organized St. Albans Primary were set apart to their positions on Sunday, November 11th, under the direction of President Bart L. Christensen. Primary superintendent is Miss Constance L. Rayment. Her first assistant is Sister May Mitchell, second assistant, Winifred A. Osborn. Sister Grace S. Jolliffe is secretary.

Newcastle—Fifty-six members and friends of the South Shields M.I.A. met together on Wednesday, October 31st, for a hallowe'en party arranged by the community activity committee. In the darkened hall "Spooks" and "Gibbins" were encountered in the most unexpected places, and a special "Chamber of Horrors" added greatly to the fun

of the party. Later was presented a programme of musical items and games. Sisters Rachel Jones and Isabella Hurrell were in charge of the refreshments.

"The Auxiliary Organizations as Aids to the Priesthood," was the theme of the Hexham branch conference held on October 28th. Sunday School members addressed the afternoon session and President Gaskell A. Romney and Elder Frederick William Oates were the principal speakers in the evening session.

Nottingham—On October 29th, in the Derby branch, was held a social in honour of Elder Gilbert R. Langton, who has been transferred to the Bristol district. Songs, poems, recitations, duets, and talks were given by the members, and games concluded the evening.

Hull—M. I. A. open-night in the Hull branch was the occasion for a pleasant informal social of games and stories, followed by a fish and chip supper. Sisters Helen Bryant, Elsie Walker, Susia Twidale, and Miss Lottie England planned the affair.

DEATH

ALLEN—Sister Florence Hilda Allen, and her infant daughter, Margaret Rose, passed away on October 28th. Sister Allen was an active member of the Eastwood branch, the wife of Brother George Sidney Allen, and the daughter of Mr. James Wild and Sister Margaret Wild.

Funeral services were held under the direction of President Farron E. Cutler, Elder Gilbert R. Langton being the speaker. Elder Melvin M. Richards offered the dedicatory prayer at the graveside.

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